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H.M.S. 'TERRIBLE'

PREPARATIONS FOR RECEPTION OF OFFICERS AND MEN.

A meeting, convened at the instance of the Committee of the China Association and of the Navy League, was held in the Chamber of Commerce, Room, City Hall, yesterday afternoon, to consider what steps should be taken for the reception of the Captain, officers and men of H.M.S. *Terrible*, which is expected here next week. The following gentlemen were present at the meeting:—Sir John Carrington, C.M.G., Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Hon. J. J. Kowick, Hon. Herbert Smith, Mr. Bovis, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., Mr. R. M. Gray, Captain Anderson, Mr. A. Chapman, Mr. R. Cooke, Mr. A. M. Marshall, Mr. E. W. Mitchell, Mr. H. E. Pollock, Mr. R. L. Richardson, Mr. M. W. Slade and Mr. C. S. Sharp.

Sir John Carrington was voted into the chair.

Certain proposals for the reception of H.M.S. *Terrible* and for the entertainment of her Captain, officers, and men were then discussed, a discretion as regards certain items being left to a sub-committee of seven gentlemen who were selected out of the above Committee with power to add to their number.

The general feeling appeared to be that a sum of about \$5,000 would be required, and the Hon. C. P. Chater kindly consented to act as Hon. Treasurer for the fund.

Mr. H. E. Pollock was appointed Hon. Secretary.

The cruiser is expected to arrive in the Harbour on Tuesday, 8th May, at 5 p.m., and the following programme has, so far, been arranged, subject to the approval of the authorities.

Launches containing ladies and gentlemen to go out beforehand in the direction of Lyceum and to escort the *Terrible* to her moorings.

Men-of-war and merchant vessels will be invited to dress ship.

After the *Terrible* has been at her buoy for half-an-hour or so, an address is to be presented on board by a deputation on behalf of the British community.

For Wednesday, the 9th May, the following programme has been suggested, namely, a review of the crew of the *Terrible* on the parade ground about 5 p.m., by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, with the Hongkong Volunteers in attendance as a guard of honour.

In the evening of the same day the men will be entertained at dinner at the City Hall and afterwards at a smoking concert in the Theatre.

The Captain and Officers of the *Terrible* will be entertained at a fête on the Cricket Ground on a date to be hereafter fixed.

In the afternoon of Saturday, the 12th May, athletic sports (with gymnastic variations) will be held at the Happy Valley.

The following gentlemen, in addition to those mentioned above, have been invited to join the Committee, viz. Mr. D. Gillies, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Dr. Lawson, Mr. J. McKis, Mr. Motson, R.N., Mr. E. A. Ram, Mr. G. H. Sexton, Mr. F. J. Waleyn, R.W.F., and Mr. W. H. Wickham.

Naval Heroes.

In the *Navy League Journal* for March the portraits appear of Captain the Hon. Horatio Lambton, R.N., H.M.S. *Powell*, 'in command of the Naval Brigades' (Ladyemith) and of Captain Percy Scott, R.N., 'the man who mounted the 4.7s, and helped more than any other to save Ladyemith.' These two together with Midshipman Huddart, and Major Plummer, R.M.L.I., both of H.M.S. *Doria*, who were killed at Grapes, appear under the heading of 'Our Naval Heroes.'

Alleged Adulterated Whisky.

A Chinese grocer carrying on business at 80 Prater Central was charged, at the Magistracy to-day, with selling adulterated whisky, samples of which were produced. The case has been hanging fire since the 10th ult., Mr. Roche, who appeared for the defendant, contending that there was nothing in the Ordinance to show what adulterated whisky was. The case was adjourned from time to time on this point, but, to-day, defendant was discharged; Mr. Browne, to whom the samples of whisky had been submitted for analysis, having left the Colony for home and his evidence not being available. (There is something wrong here, and some one has floundered.—E.C.)

A Dishonest Postman.

At the Magistracy to-day, Chinese postman No. 31 was charged with stealing a package containing between 100 and 150 letters destined for the Straits. He denied the charge. From the evidence it appeared that the package, which bore six one-dollar stamps, was, along with a number of others, about to go through the hands of the stamp collector, when it suddenly disappeared. A search was instituted before anyone had time to leave the premises and the package was found in defendant's bag. It is supposed that he stole the package for the sake of the six stamps. Prisoner's statement on being asked what he had done with the package was that he had taken it to the post office and that he had put it in the post box. He was committed to prison for one month.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS SERVICE.

THE WAR.—THE FREE STATE OPERATIONS.

The correspondent of the *Standard* at Bloemfontein, 29th April, says that the cavalry sent in pursuit of the fleeing commandos is returning to Bloemfontein.

THE WESTERN FRONTIER.

The Boers at Warrenton have reoccupied the position from which they were shelled on Tuesday.

MAKING.

The *Times* correspondent at Mafeking, 11th April, says the Boers on that day celebrated the completion of six months' siege by a bombardment which did much damage but caused no casualties.

THABANVHU.

Reuters' correspondent at Thabankhu, 29th April, says that General French sent the third and fourth cavalry brigades to make separate reconnaissances round the hills to the east of the town. It was found that the Boers held the hills strongly but evidently only as a rear guard and not with transport.

JAPANESE BATTLESHIP ASHORE.

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| TAMBA MARU. J. W. WALKER. | MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, Via STRAIT, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. | FRIDAY, 4th May, at 4 p.m. |
| TAJIMA MARU. M. J. CROOK. | VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE U.S.A., Via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA. | MONDAY, 7th May, at 4 p.m. |
| ENADI MARU. W. BARNHURST. | NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. | THURSDAY, 11th May, at 4 p.m. |
| SANUKI MARU. W. TOWNSEND. | MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, Via STRAIT, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. | FRIDAY, 18th May, at 4 p.m. |
| KANUGA MARU. E. W. HASWELL. | THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNS- VILLE, REEBAHE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, Via MANILA. | FRIDAY, 25th May, at 4 p.m. |